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RESPONSE TO APRIL 2, 2003 OFFICE ACTION (37 CFR §1.111)

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In Response to the Office Action of April 2, 2003, reconsideration of the objections and/or rejections and further examination of the application are requested.

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

The period for response is hereby extended THREE month(s) to expire October 2, 2003 by this Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time. A form PTO-2038 authorizing a charge for the appropriate petition fee of \$465 (37 CFR §1.17), plus \$96 in extra claims fees (as noted elsewhere in this paper), should accompany this Response.

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